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(C) On November 13, Deputy Foreign Minister Aleksandr Losyukov assured the Ambassador that the GOR recognized the importance of following through with its commitment to provide heavy fuel oil (HFO) to the DPRK. Losyukov confirmed that the Russian Cabinet formally approved delivery during its meeting the week of November 4. The GOR still had to work out "technicalities," such as which company would supply the 50,000 ton tranche of HFO to the DPRK in late November. Losyukov said the GOR understood the urgency of the matter and he would personally look into the technical details in order to update the Ambassador later this week on what progress had been made. We have scheduled a separate meeting at the Ministry of Finance to reiterate refel concerns.
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